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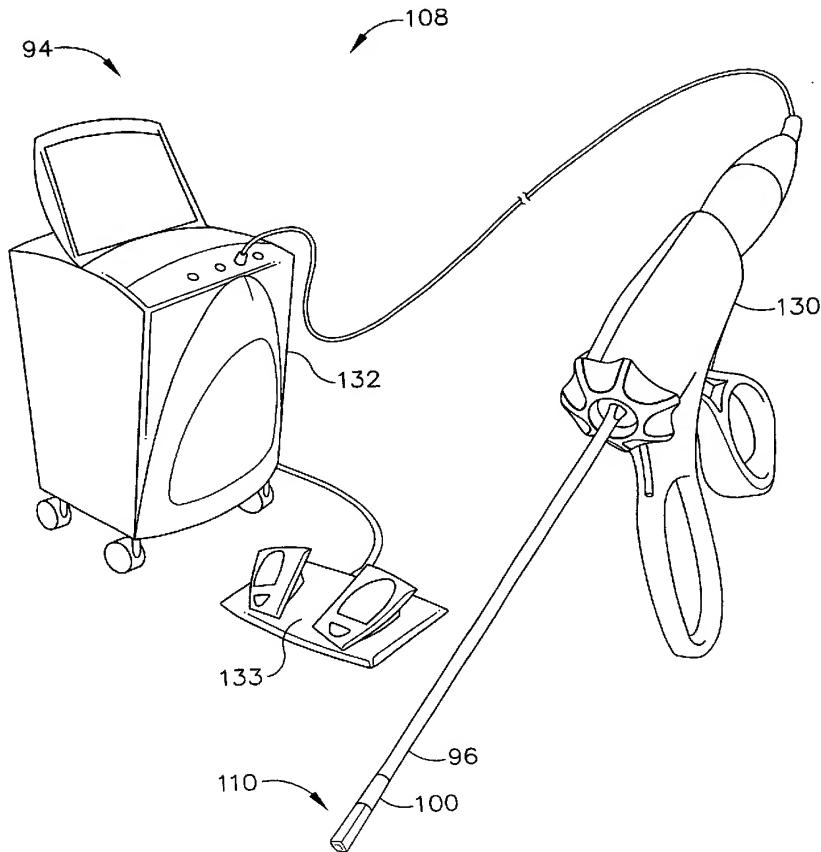
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(57) Abstract: A method for ultrasound medical treatment of a patient. An end effector (12) is obtained having an ultrasound medical-treatment transducer assembly (20). A blood vessel is identified in the patient which supplies blood to a lesion. The blood vessel is medically treated with ultrasound from the transducer assembly (20) to substantially seal the blood vessel to substantially stop the supply of blood to the lesion from the blood vessel. In one example, the ultrasound medical-treatment transducer assembly (20) is an ultrasound imaging and medical-treatment transducer assembly (20). In one variation, the end effector (12) is inserted into the patient. In another variation, the end effector remains outside the patient.

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